

2001 Potato Production

UTAH: The final potato production estimate for 2001 totaled 345,000 hundredweight (cwt), down 21 percent from 2000. Acreage harvested at 1,300 acres is down 200 acres from last year, and the average yield of 265 cwt per acre is 25 cwt per acre less than 2000. The value of production was \$2.8 million based on total production and a season average price of \$8.05 per cwt. Value of production was up 25 percent from 2000. Sales of 332,000 cwt represented 96 percent of the crop; shrinkage and other losses accounted for 3.2 percent.

UNITED STATES: Total 2001 potato production is estimated at 438 million cwt, 2 percent below the estimate made in the Annual Crop Summary in January and down 15 percent from the record high 2000 crop. Harvested area, at 1.22 million acres, shrank 9 percent from a year ago. The average yield of 358 cwt per acre was down 23 cwt from 2000 and 1 cwt below the average yield from the 1999 crop. By season, winter production dropped 17 percent, spring slipped less than 1 percent, summer fell 5 percent, and fall dropped 16 percent from the previous year.

Winter and spring seasonal estimates were carried forward from earlier revisions. Summer potato production was revised to 18.2 million cwt for 2001, down 5 percent from 2000. Harvested area, at 58,800 acres, was down 7 percent from the previous year. The average yield of 310 cwt per acre was record high for summer potatoes and 6 cwt above the previous year.

Fall potatoes were finalized at 394 million cwt for 2001, down 16 percent from the record high crop of 2000. Area harvested in 2001 was estimated at 1.07 million acres, down 10 percent from a year earlier. The average yield, at 367 cwt per acre, was down 25 cwt from the record high a year ago. Final production of fall potatoes was 2 percent below both the Annual Crop Summary in January and the first forecast made in November 2001.

Value of all potato production in 2001 was estimated at a record high \$3.06 billion, up 18 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$6.99 per cwt, jumped \$1.91 from a year earlier.

Sales from the 2001 potato crop totaled 401 million cwt, down 14 percent from 2000. Sales accounted for 92 percent of 2001 production. Non sales accounted for 36.6 million cwt, down 25 percent from the previous year. Over the past five years, 91 percent of the potatoes grown have been sold. The other 9 percent were either lost (shrinkage and loss) or used on farms where grown (seed, home use, and livestock feed).

Processors used 251 million cwt of raw potatoes from the 2001 crop, down 13 percent from a year earlier. Table stock sales totaled 122 million cwt, 12 percent below the previous year. Seed sales of 25.1 million cwt were up 8 percent. Sales for livestock feed, at 3.50 million cwt, were down 65 percent from a year earlier. A government diversion program at the end of the 2000 potato marketing year purchased 6.87 million cwt of potatoes that were fed to livestock. Current feeding is more in line with the feed utilization of 3.14 million cwt in 1999.

U.S. Egg Production

U.S. egg production totaled 7.35 billion during August 2002, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.26 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 61.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2002 averaged 336 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,189 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,170 eggs in August 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2002, totaled 336 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 336 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.51 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2002, averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Grain Stocks

UTAH: On September 1, 2002 stocks of **corn** at off-farm locations in Utah were at 749,000 bushels, up 421,000 bushels from last. **All wheat** stocks at off-farm locations totaled 5.0 million bushels compared with 4.5 million bushels on September 1, 2001. Off-farm **barley** stocks on September 1, 2002 were at 1.5 million bushels, up from the 1.1

million bushels last year. **Oats** stocks were at 64,000 bushels on September 1, 2002. No on-farm stocks are published in Utah.

UNITED STATES: Nationally, **old crop corn** stocks in all positions on September 1, 2002 totaled 1.60 billion bushels, down 16 percent from September 1, 2001. Of the total stocks, 587 million bushels are stored on farms, down 22 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.01 billion bushels, are down 12 percent from the previous year. **All wheat** stored in all positions on September 1, 2002 totaled 1.74 billion bushels, down 19 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 588 million bushels, down 16 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 1.15 billion bushels, are down 21 percent from a year ago. **Barley** stocks in all positions on September 1, 2002 totaled 224 million bushels, down 9 percent from September, 2001. On-farm stocks are estimated at 132 million bushels, 2 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 92.4 million bushels, are 16 percent below September 2001. **Oats** stored in all positions on September 1, 2002 totaled 111 million bushels, 4 percent below the stocks on September 1, 2001. Of the total stocks on hand, 70.5 million bushels were stored on farms, 6 percent less than a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 41.0 million bushels, 1 percent below a year earlier.

Small Grain Production

UTAH: Utah production for the 2002 crop year is down from 2001 for barley, all wheat, winter wheat, and other spring wheat, but up for oats, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service. Yields were also down from the 2001 levels for barley, all wheat, winter wheat, and other spring wheat, but up for oats.

In Utah, **barley** harvested for grain acres in 2002 were down 20,000 acres from 2001 to 45,000 acres. Yield was down from 68 bushels per acre to 64 bushels per acre resulting in production of 2.9 million bushels, down from 4.4 million bushels in 2001. This is the smallest acreage harvested since 1934, the lowest yield since 1977, and the smallest production since 1935. **Winter wheat** harvested acres were 125,000 acres, the same as 2001, and production was 17 percent lower than in 2001. Yield at 35 bushels per acre, was 7 bushels per acre lower than last year. This is the lowest yield since 1989 and the smallest production since 1964. **Other spring wheat** harvested acres, at 11,000 acres, were down 5,000 acres from 2001. Production was 517,000 bushels, 34 percent lower than 2001. The yield of 47 bushels per acre was a decrease of 2 bushels per acre from the previous year. The 2002 production of **oats for grain** was up 15 percent from 2001 to 450,000 bushels. Growers harvested 5,000 acres at an average yield of 90 bushels per acre, 25 bushels to the acre more than in 2001.

UNITED STATES: Nationally, **all wheat** production totaled 1.62 billion bushels in 2002, down 4 percent from the last forecast and 17 percent below 2001. This is the lowest production since 1972. **Oat** production is estimated at 119 million bushels, 16 percent below the August 1 forecast, but 2 percent above last year's record low 117 million bushels. **Barley** production is estimated at 227 million bushels, down 10 percent from the August forecast and down 9 percent from last year's estimate. This year's production is the lowest since 1937.

U.S. Cold Storage

Stocks in Cold Storage, United States

Commodity	Aug 31, 2001	Jul 31, 2002	Aug 31, 2002
1,000 Pounds			

Total Frozen

Eggs	17,817	12,943	13,175
Chickens	624,409	869,226	820,679
Turkeys	545,311	705,439	681,535
Cherries, Tart			
RTP	174,165	81,794	78,566
Juice	3,836	1,594	3,683
Cherries, Sweet .	19,467	13,529	12,575

Potatoes	1,197,468	1,106,585	1,040,615
Beef	373,213	416,534	463,756
Pork	332,567	472,184	463,343
Lamb & Mutton ..	15,266	14,215	13,519
Total in Storage			
Apples, Fresh ...	143,379	316,314	89,170
Butter	118,049	245,298	229,856
Cheese, Natural .	721,181	828,571	799,981
American	499,044	571,116	565,576
Swiss	10,668	15,524	14,047
Other Natural ..	211,469	241,931	220,358

Agricultural Prices

Utah: Prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers during mid-September 2002, compared with August 2002, were up for barley and other hay, but down for alfalfa hay. The lamb price for August 2002 was \$71.00 per cwt, up \$14.00 from September 2001. The August 2002 sheep price, at \$23.00 was \$2.00 below September 2001. Barley, at \$2.38 per bushel, was up 11 cents from the previous month's price and 34 cents above last year. Baled alfalfa hay was \$99.00 per ton, down \$7.00 from last month but \$4.00 above last year. Other hay, at \$58.00 per ton, was \$1.00 higher than last month and \$1.00 higher than September 2001.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September was 99, based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (1.0 percent) from the August index. Lower prices for hogs, potatoes, lettuce, and strawberries more than offset increased prices for wheat, corn, broccoli, and broilers. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Decreased marketings of cattle, wheat, broilers, and grapes more than offset increased marketings of soybeans, corn, peanuts, and potatoes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is also 7 points (6.6 percent) below September 2001. Lower prices for milk, broilers, hogs, and lettuce more than offset higher prices for corn, wheat, soybeans, and broccoli.

Average Prices Received by Farmers

Commodity	Unit	Utah			United States		
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
		Sep 2001	Aug 2002	Sep 2002 ¹	Sep 2001	Aug 2002	Sep 2002 ¹
Livestock & Products							
Lambs	Dol/Cwt	57.00	71.00	(²)	52.50	75.00	(²)
Sheep	Dol/Cwt	25.00	23.00	(²)	29.90	26.40	(²)
Crops							
Barley	Dol/Bu	2.04	2.27	2.38	2.24	2.70	2.49
Alfalfa Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	95.00	106.00	99.00	108.00	101.00	102.00
Other Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	57.00	57.00	58.00	71.90	71.30	74.80

¹ Prices refer to sales occurring about the 15th of the month.

² September data will be published next month.

Livestock Slaughter

UTAH: Commercial red meat production totaled 46.5 million pounds in August 2002, down from the 49.9 million pounds in August of last year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for August 2002 totaled 58,100 head, down 6.9 percent from a year ago. The average live weight was 1,256 pounds, up 3 pounds from August 2001. In August 2002 there were 4,900 **hogs slaughtered**, the same as August 2001. The average live weight of 173 pounds compared with 196

pounds last year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during August 2002 totaled 2,800 head, an increase of 300 head from a year ago. Average live weight at 123 pounds was up 2 pounds from a year ago.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.14 billion pounds in August, up 2 percent from the 4.06 billion pounds produced in August 2001. **Beef production**, at 2.47 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.21 million head, down 1 percent from August 2001. The average live weight was 1,259 pounds, up 31 pounds from August a year ago. **Veal production** totaled 16.7 million pounds, 3 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 96,000 head, up 2 percent from August 2001. The average live weight was 288 pounds, down 15 pounds from August a year ago. **Pork production** totaled 1.64 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.54 million head, 2 percent above August 2001. The average live weight was 259 pounds, up 1 pound from August a year ago. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 16.6 million pounds, was down 11 percent from August 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 264,600 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down 11 pounds from August a year ago.

U.S. Cattle on Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.13 million head on September 1, 2002. The inventory was 7 percent below September 1, 2001 and 2 percent below September 1, 2000. **Placements** in feedlots during August totaled 2.22 million, 1 percent above 2001 but 9 percent below 2000. Net placements were 2.18 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 525,000, 600-699 pounds were 483,000, 700-799 pounds were 625,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 585,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during August totaled 2.14 million, 2 percent below 2001 and 3 percent below 2000. **Other disappearance** totaled 43,000 during August, 20 percent below 2001 and 12 percent below 2000.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, September 1, 2000-2002

Item	Number			2002 as Percent of	
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001
 1,000 Head Percent	
On Feed Aug 1 ^{1/}	10,180	10,891	10,089	99	93
Placed on Feed during Aug	2,440	2,204	2,218	91	101
Fed Cattle Marketed during Aug	2,197	2,186	2,135	97	98
Other Disappearance during Aug ^{2/}	49	54	43	88	80
On Feed Sep 1 ^{1/}	10,374	10,855	10,129	98	93

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ^{2/} Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.